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MORPC Hosts Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Workshop for Franklin County

(Columbus – May 21, 2009) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will host a free workshop for applicants applying for the state's Clean Ohio Conservation funding for conservation projects in Franklin County from 10 a.m. – Noon on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at MORPC's offices, located at 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215. \$3.5 million has been allocated for project applications in Franklin County. To register for the workshop, contact Wilma Yoder at wyoder@morpc.org or (614) 233-4175 by June 2, 2009.

The Clean Ohio Conservation Fund is part of the Clean Ohio Fund, a \$400 million bond program for brownfield revitalization, greenfield open space and conservation projects. The Clean Ohio Conservation Funds are available for Franklin County local governments, park and joint recreation districts, conservancy districts, soil and water conservation districts and non-profit organizations for the acquisition of open space and/or protecting riparian corridors and watersheds.

Preliminary grant applications are due to MORPC by August 31, 2009 and final applications are due October 30, 2009. Application documents and information will be available under the "Center for Energy & Environment – Clean Ohio Fund" tab on MORPC's website at www.morpc.org after June 1.

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